



MAKE IT A SAFE HALLOWEEN

The Burr Ridge Police Department recommends hosting a Halloween party for youngsters as a safe alternative to “trick or treat” activities. However, if children go “trick or treating”, they should do so before 9:00 PM on Monday, October 31st. Follow the guidelines recommended by the Burr Ridge Police Department for safer “trick or treating.” Take just a few moments to read over the guidelines below and you can help prevent an accidental injury.

- ✧ Childrens’ costumes should fit properly and be designed so they can see well. Non-toxic face paints are better than face masks.
- ✧ Light colored costumes and best-reflective strips are safer because they make trick-or-treaters more visible to motorists.
- ✧ Children should “trick or treat” in their own neighborhoods since they may be more familiar with the area and its residents. Young children should always be accompanied by an adult or responsible teen.
- ✧ Children should never eat anything until they get home and their treats have been examined. Throw away any candy that is unwrapped. Cut and wash fruit before eating.
- ✧ Confining “trick or treating” to daylight hours is recommended, but if children plan to be out after dark they should carry a flashlight.
- ✧ Know which friends children are with and what route they are taking.
- ✧ Instruct children to avoid houses that are dark. Go instead to the next well-lit home.
- ✧ Remind children to look for traffic first before crossing the street. If they must walk in the street they should walk on the left side facing cars.
- ✧ Keep costumed children away from pets. Pets may not recognize them and become frightened. A frightened pet can become aggressive.

Homeowners should leave a front light on and place the sign on the back side of this tip sheet in their front window so children will know they are welcome to visit. Motorists are reminded to be alert to youngsters “trick-or-treating.” Anyone who observes suspicious treats or activities should call the Burr Ridge Police Department (9-1-1) immediately!



